(d) The Central Issue Prices of wheat and rice during April, 1997-98 and March, 1999-2000 were as under:—

(Rs. per qtl.)

Month	Price			
	Wheat	Rice		
		Comm.	Fine	S. fine
April, 1997	402	537	617	648
		Comm. APL/BPL	APL/BPL	Gr. 'A' APL/BPL
April, 1998		450/250	550*/350	700/350
March, 1999		650/250	700*/350	905/350
March, 2000		682/250	700*/350	905/350

*Applicable only to J&K, H.P., N.E. States, Sikkim and hilly areas of U.P.

Production of Sugar

134. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of sugar produced during each of the last two years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government would consider to withdraw the levy imposed on sugar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) A statement indicating sugar production, State-wise, during each of the last two years is enclosed (*See* below.)

(b) and (c) Government has decided to decontrol the sugar industry in a phased manner. The levy obligation was reduced from 40% to 30% with effect from 1.1.2000. Government has further reduced the levy obligation from 30% to 15% with effect from 1.2.2001.

Statement

State-wise production of Sugar during 1998-99 *and* 1999-2000.

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

State	Sugar Season 1998-99*(P)	Sugar Season 1999-2000*(P)
Punjab	2.94	3.90
Haryana	4.03	4.75
Rajasthan	0.26	0.14
Uttar Pradesh	37.23	45.76
Madhya Pradesh	0.85	1.03
Gujarat	10.07	11.41
Maharashtra	53.43	64.68
Bihar	2.67	3.70
Assam	0.04	0.04
Orissa	0.74	0.53
West Bengal	0.05	0.07
Nagaland	—	—
Andhra Pradesh	11.20	11.78
Karnataka	13.76	15.78
Tamil Nadu	17.20	17.08
Pondicherry	0.44	0.48
Kerala	0.09	0.13
Goa	0.20	0.15
All India:	155.20	181.41

*P—Provisional